

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of reducing absorption of flavor molecules of goods stored in containers into a laminated material used for the manufacture of walls of the containers, comprising the steps of:

providing a laminate material having a non-platelet-filled core barrier layer sandwiched between an outer layer and at least one further layer, said further layer having a thickness of between 10 and 70 microns and consisting of a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin selected from HDPE and LMDPE filled with 5% to 15% by weight of a platelet filler, said platelet filler, said platelet filler consisting of high purity talc having an average aspect ratio of 16 to 30 and a minimum aspect ratio of 5, and said further layer having a CIE whiteness index of at least 40, said core barrier layer consisting essentially of a vapor impermeable non-polyolefin selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl alcohol and amorphous polyamide and having a thickness of ~~less than 25~~ 5 to 15 microns; and

storing a flavored good in a container formed from said laminate material such that said further layer of said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin

filled with talc extends between said flavored good and said core barrier layer;

whereby placement of said further layer of said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin filled with talc inwardly of said core barrier layer relative to the flavored good reduces the absorption of flavor molecules of the flavored good into said laminate material and stiffens said laminate material allowing said laminate material to be of a relatively thin thickness.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method according to claim 17, wherein said additional layer is also filled with a platelet filler.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A laminated material for the manufacture of a wall of a container, comprising:

an outer layer having a surface that forms an external surface of a wall of a container formed from said laminated material;

a non-platelet-filled barrier layer consisting essentially of a non-polyolefin thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl alcohol and amorphous polyamide and having a thickness of ~~less than 25~~ 5 to 15 microns;

at least one further layer that is located on an opposite side of said barrier layer relative to said outer layer, said further layer having a thickness of between

10 and 70 microns and consisting of a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin selected from HDPE and LMDPE filled with 5% to 15% by weight of a platelet filler, said platelet filler consisting of high purity talc having an average aspect ratio of 16 to 30 and a minimum aspect ratio of 5, and said further layer having a CIE whiteness index of at least 40;

whereby placement of said further layer inward of said barrier layer relative to a flavored good contained by a container made of said laminated material reduces the absorption of flavor molecules of the flavored good into said laminated material and stiffens said laminated material allowing said laminated material to be of a relatively thin thickness.

Claims 7-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (previously presented): A method according to claim 23, wherein said additional layer is also filled with a platelet filler.

Claims 13-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended): A container, comprising:

a wall formed from a laminated material having a non-platelet-filled core barrier layer consisting essentially of a non-polyolefin thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl alcohol and amorphous polyamide, an outer layer having a surface forming an external

surface of the container, and at least one further layer arranged on an opposite side of said barrier layer relative to said outer layer, said one further layer having a thickness of between 10 and 70 microns and consisting of a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin selected from HDPE and LMDPE filled with 5% to 15% by weight of a platelet filler, said platelet filler consisting of high purity talc, said further layer having a minimum aspect ratio of at least 5 and an average aspect ratio of from 16 to 30, and having a Commission Internationale d'Eclairage (CIE) whiteness of at least 40, and said barrier layer having a thickness of ~~less than 25~~ 5 to 15 microns; whereby placement of said further layer inward of said barrier layer relative to a flavored good contained by a container made of said laminated material reduces the absorption of flavor molecules of the flavored good into said laminated material and stiffens said laminated material allowing said laminated material to be of a relatively thin thickness.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said further layer is adjacent the barrier layer and is adhered thereto by a tie layer.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein, in order to aid welding of the laminated material, the further layer is spaced from the inner surface of the laminated material by an additional layer of non-polar thermoplastics resin material.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A laminated material according to claim [18] 6, wherein said further layer has a thickness of about 50 microns.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A laminated material according to claim 6, wherein said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin of said further layer comprises high density polyethylene.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A laminated material according to claim 20, wherein said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin of said further layer comprises at least a major portion of high density polyethylene.

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): A laminated material according to claim 6, wherein said further layer is spaced from the internal surface of the laminated material by an additional layer of non-polar thermoplastics resin material.

Claims 24-25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (previously presented): A container having walls formed from a laminated material according to claim 6.

Claim 27-31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, ~~wherein the platelets of tale have an aspect ratio of at least 5 and an average aspect ratio of from 16 to 30, and~~ wherein said further layer has a CIE whiteness of at least 45.

Claims 33-34 (canceled).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A laminated material according to claim 6, ~~wherein the platelets of tale have an aspect ratio of at least 5 and an average aspect ratio of from 16 to 30, and~~ wherein said further layer has a CIE whiteness of at least 45.

Claim 36 (canceled).

Claim 37 (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said laminate material includes an additional inner layer of a non-polar thermoplastic resin located on an opposite side of said at least one further layer relative to said barrier layer, and wherein said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin of said further layer is high density polyethylene and said

non-polar thermoplastic resin of said additional inner layer is a linear medium density polyethylene.

Claim 38 (canceled).

Claim 39 (previously presented): A laminated material according to claim 6, further comprising an additional inner layer of a non-polar thermoplastic resin located on an opposite side of said at least one further layer relative to said barrier layer, and wherein said non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin of said further layer is high density polyethylene and said non-polar thermoplastic resin of said additional inner layer is a linear medium density polyethylene.

Claim 40 (canceled).